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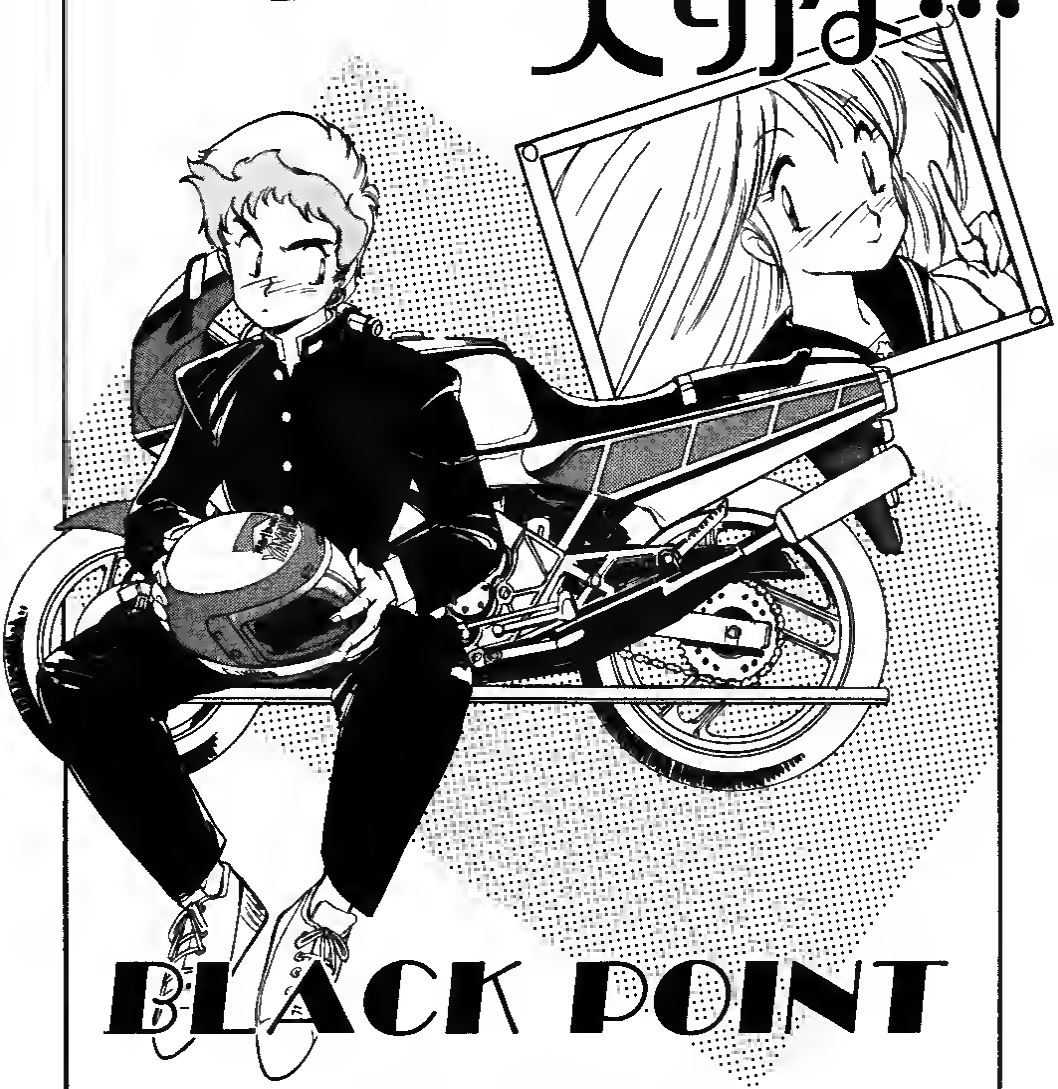


BLACK POINT

—The Future-Retro Hero Story—

Note: 'Black Point' was Takehito Ito's pen name at the time of his debut

ALL RIGHT, THIS IS IT!
VOICE-PRINT RECOGNIZED.
THE PARAMETERS ARE SET! THERE'S NO MISTAKE!
STARTING COUNTDOWN TO ACTIVATION.
NOW
C'MON!
Plunk
WHAT IN TARNATION?
BOOM
IT'S THE KOHNO'S PLACE!
THAT DARNED KOHNO KID!

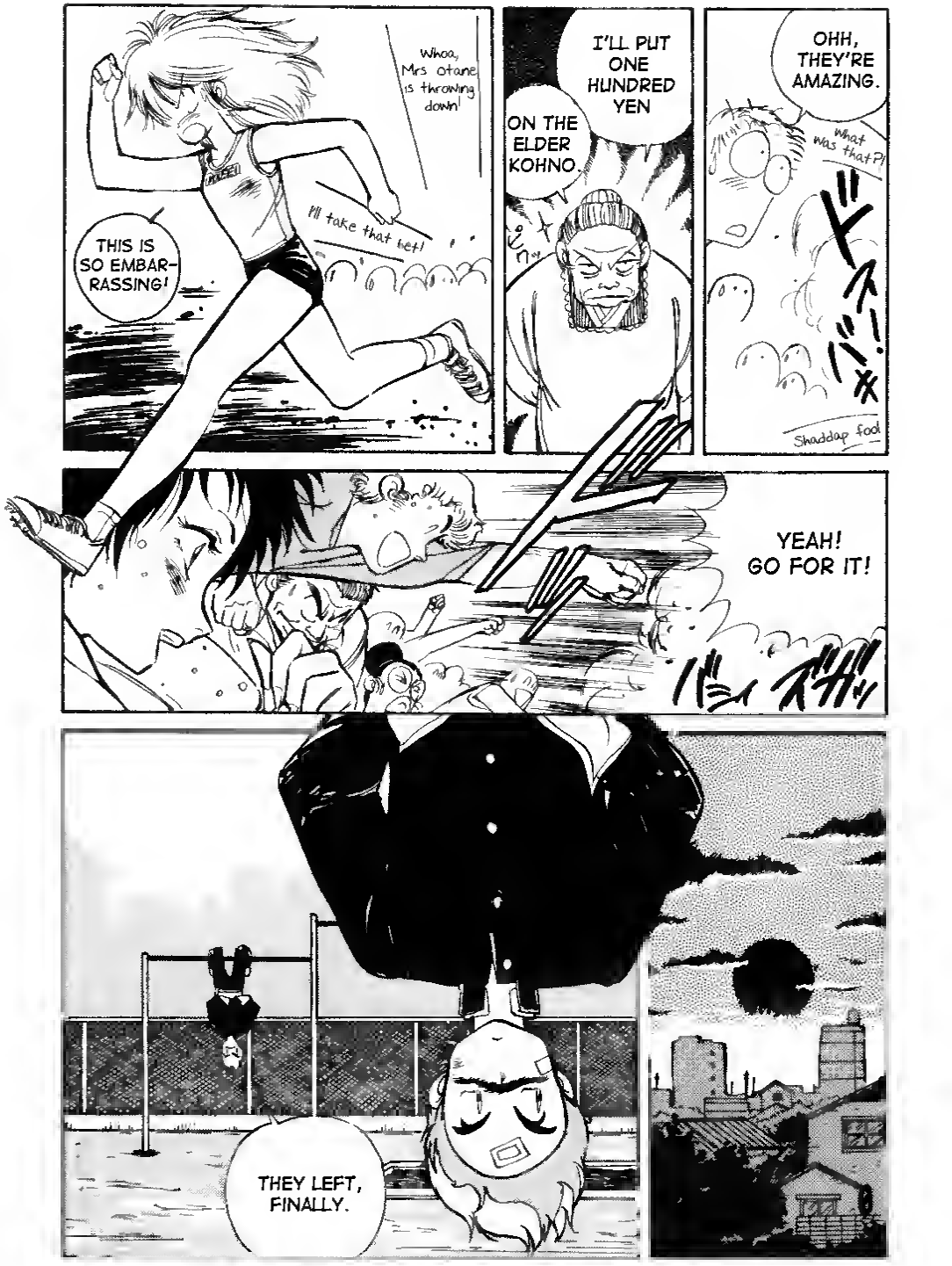
Principal's Office
校長室
THIS IS UNACCEP-TABLE!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH!
キンポン
カーン
IT'S THE THIRD TIME! YOU'RE NOT TAKING ME SERIOUSLY, ARE YOU?!
WHAT?! DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE LETTING HIM GO?!
THE SCHOOL DAY IS OVER, VICE-PRINCIPAL.
BUT THIS IS MY TIME TO SHINE!
YES MA'AM
JUJI KOHNO.
Eeek!
You prune!
THERE'S PEOPLE WAITING FOR YOU OUTSIDE. HAVEN'T YOU REFLECTED ON YOUR ACTIONS LONG ENOUGH?

GRAR GRAR
They're loud
What are those adults doing
KOUSEI
WE'VE PUT UP WITH HIM FOR TWO YEARS AND WE'RE NOT TAKING IT ANY MORE!
EVEN IF HE'S JUST A KID--
死
Death to the Kohno kid
JEEZ... WHAT'S GOING ON?
DUNNO.
IT'S YOUR BOYFRIEND, HUH.
KOUSEI
LOOK HERE YOU FOLKS! YOU'RE GETTING IN THE WAY OF OUR PRACTICE!
HEY, YOU CAN'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT TO SAKUMI!
HUH, WHY NOT?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! I DON'T LIKE THAT GUY ONE BIT!

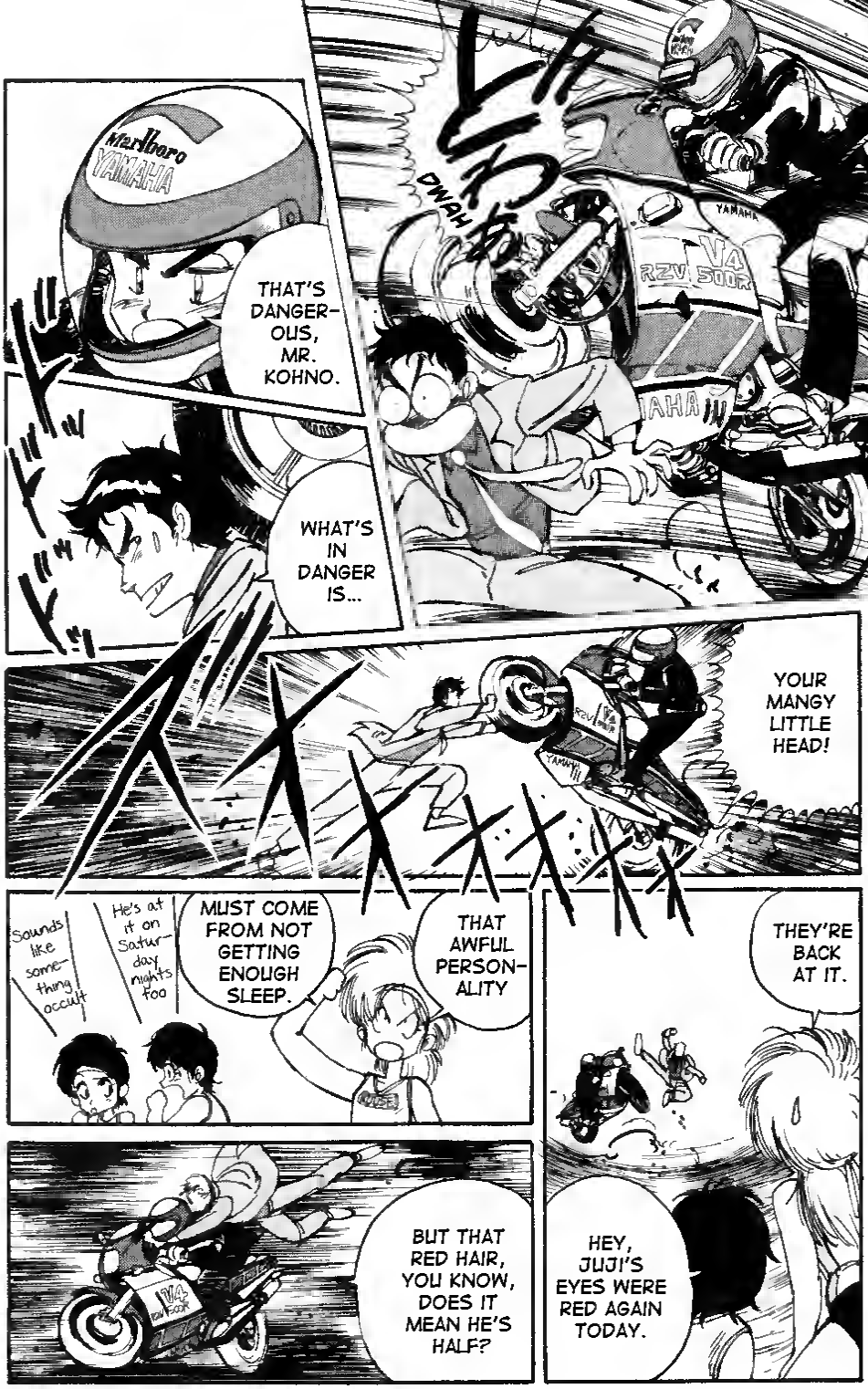
Not with that idiot
argh
I want a more sensitive kind of love!
argh
うぎ
KOUSEI
FASCI-NATING...
HORRIBLY SELF-CON-SCIOUS.
SHE GETS LIKE THIS!
SEEYA!
Yessir
HURRY UP AND SET UP THE TRACK!
KOUSEI
AH, OH WELL.
I'VE DECIPHERED ALL THE SPELLS!
WHAT IN THE WORLD AM I DOING WRONG?
DAMMIT, I WAS A HAIR'S-BREADTH AWAY FROM GETTING IT.
I'M GETTING MORE AND MORE FIRED UP!
Plop!

IT'S MY LUCKY DAY!
HEY, I'M INJURED HERE!
IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT WE CAN'T HAVE TRACK PRACTICE!
WH-WHAT'S SO LUCKY ABOUT IT?!
ワメく
MR. KOHNO!
Run him out of town
Kohno must die
YOU'VE REALLY GONE AND DONE IT NOW, JUJI!
Leave this to me, everyone!
Oh!
HMPH!

I'M JUST TRYING TO CARRY OUT GRANDPA'S WILL..
twitch
ARE YOU TRYING TO DESTROY MY UNCLE'S HOUSE?!
YOUR HOBBIES ARE CAUSING ME GRIEF AS YOUR TEACHER!
TO THINK THAT THIS MISCREANT IS A MEMBER OF THE KOHNO FAMILY...
sob
SILENCE!
You mustn't!
I won't allow it!
DON'T HANG AROUND THE LIKES OF HIM!
SHIIHARA, BE YOUR OWN PERSON!
OHO, RAISING YOUR FIST AGAINST A TEACHER, ARE YOU?!
WHADDYA THINK YOU'RE DOING, IDIOT!


Whoa, Mrs Otane is throwing down!
I'll take that bet!
THIS IS SO EMBARRASSING!
I'LL PUT ONE HUNDRED YEN
ON THE ELDER KOHNO.
OHH, THEY'RE AMAZING.
What was that?!
Shaddap fool
YEAH! GO FOR IT!
THEY LEFT, FINALLY.

This is Sakumi!
Okay, next! You're being timed!
THEY'RE WORKING HARD.
Uh, nothing
What are you all doing here
When
THE WILL MY GRANDPA LEFT BEHIND... HE DIED WHEN I WAS THREE.
WHEN I FIGURE OUT THAT WILL, I'LL BE ABLE TO JOIN UP AGAIN.
skrtch
ALL RIGHT.
COULD THIS BE A MAGIC CIRCLE?!

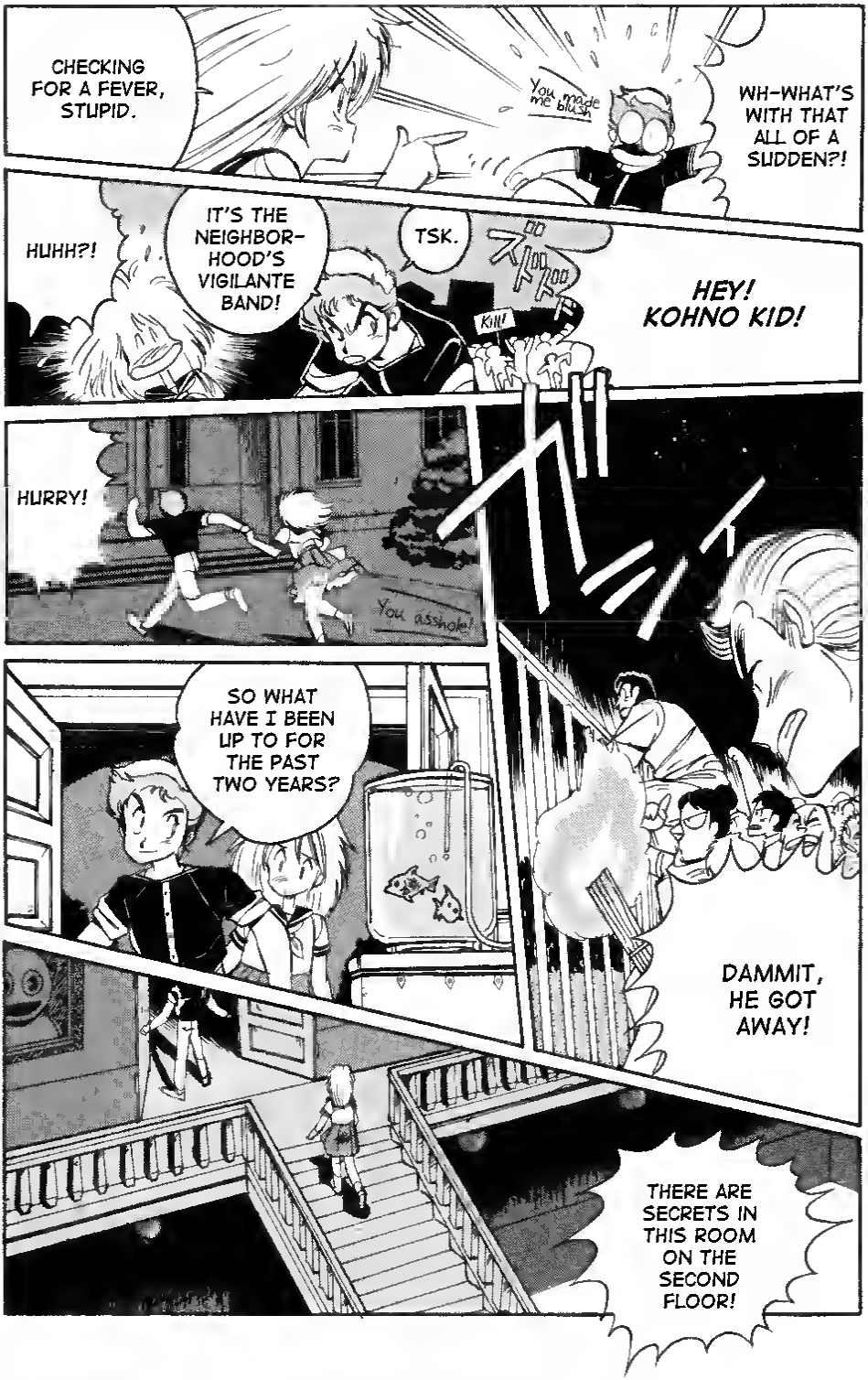

Marlboro
YAMAHA
THAT'S DANGEROUS, MR. KOHNO.
WHAT'S IN DANGER IS...
DWAH
YAMAHA
V4
RZV 500R
YOUR MANGY LITTLE HEAD!
Sounds like something occult
He's at it on Saturday nights too
MUST COME FROM NOT GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP.
THAT AWFUL PERSONALITY
THEY'RE BACK AT IT.
BUT THAT RED HAIR, YOU KNOW, DOES IT MEAN HE'S HALF?
HEY, JUJI'S EYES WERE RED AGAIN TODAY.

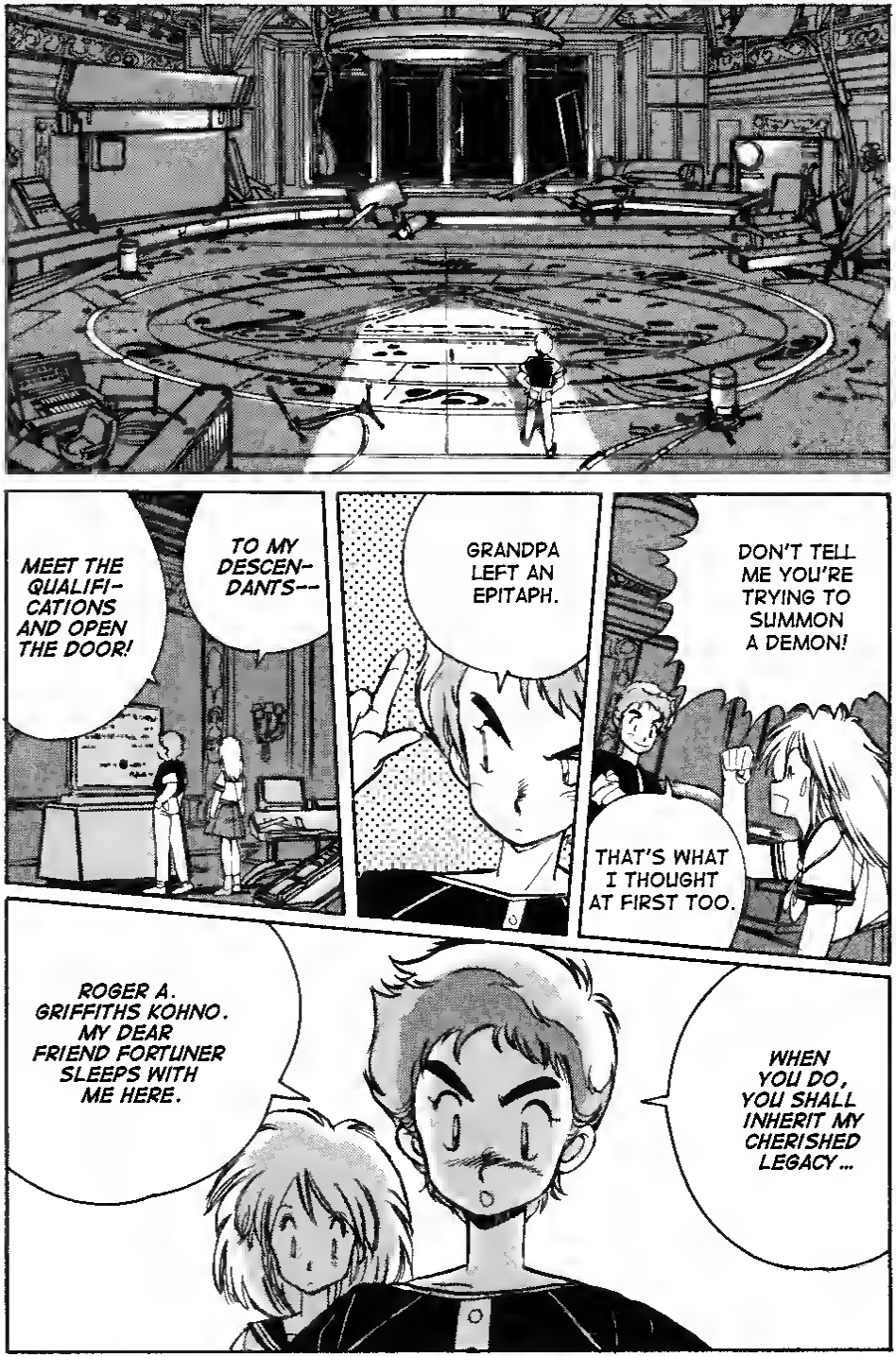
YEP, AND THEY'RE SUPER RICH.
GRAND-SON, HUH.
OHH, SO HE'S A QUARTER!
HIS GRAND-FATHER WAS A WOMANIZING SEA CAPTAIN WHO ENDED UP IN JAPAN.
ゴール!!
WATCH OUT!
HOW LONG ARE YOU DIMWITS GONNA SIT THERE TALKING?!
WE'RE SO SORRY!
JUJI!
AIEEEE!
GO HOME!
Now, now

BUT REJOIN US WHEN YOU CAN.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'VE BEEN UP TO...
YES SIR.
krk
AND RIDING A MOTORBIKE TO SCHOOL IS AGAINST THE RULES!
HUHH?! WHY?
GO PAY JUJI A LITTLE VISIT, WILL YA.
YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT HIM, AREN'TCHA!
SHIIHARA!

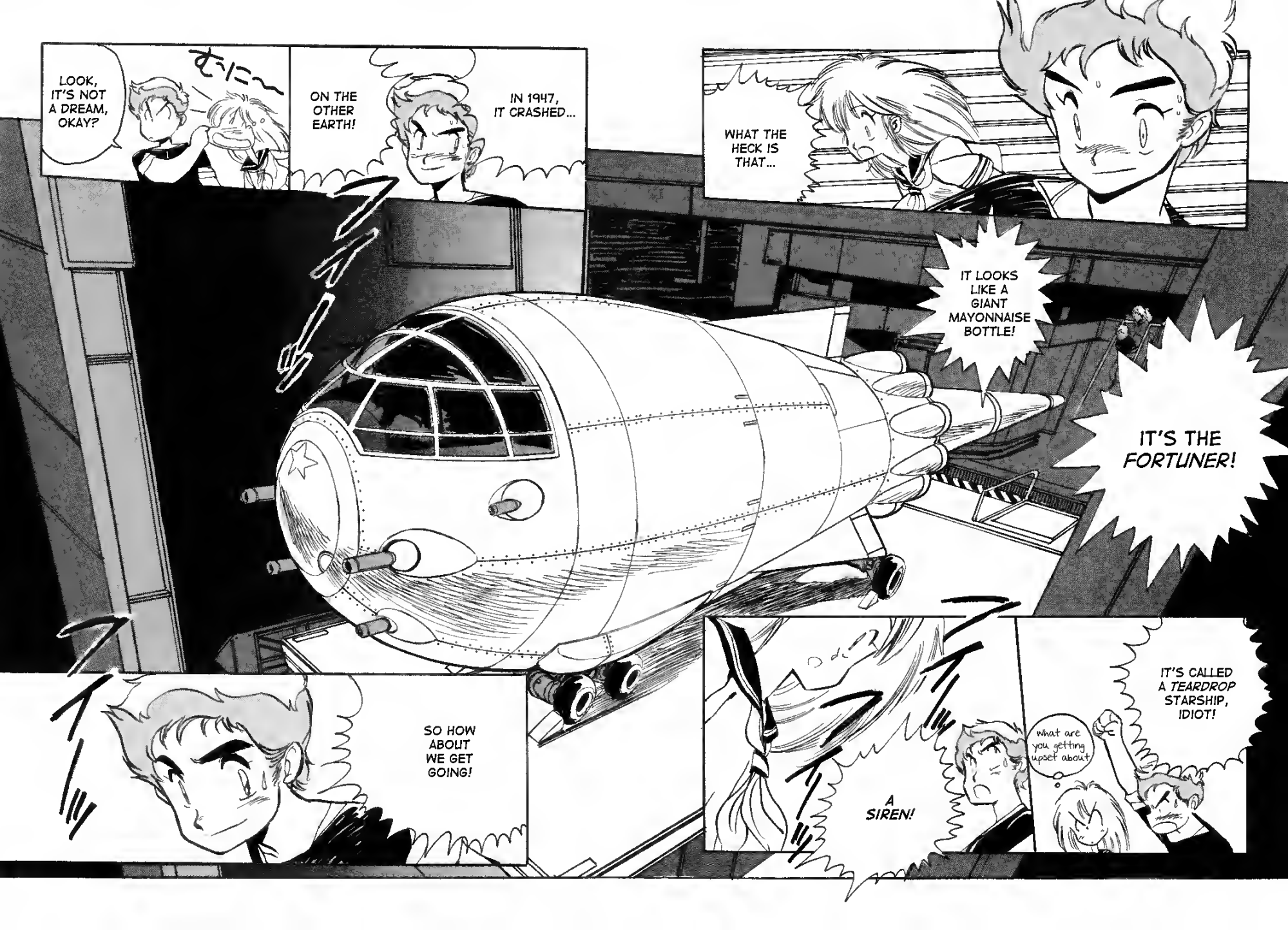
WHY YOU-- DO YOU INTEND TO LET HIM SINK HIS POISON FANGS INTO HER?!
YER AWFUL FRESH FOR SOMEONE SO NEW TO THIS PLACE!
SIGH...
THIS ISN'T EASY...
I HEARD THAT HIS PARENTS ARE OVER-SEAS AND HE LIVES ALONE. BUT...

HM?
plonk
pish
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT-- WHAT'S GOING ON?!
JUJI! JUJI!
EEEK!
OH.
I DID IT! I FINALLY DID IT!
I DISSOLVED THE BARRIER!
WAHAHAHA!
bump
HA.


CHECKING FOR A FEVER, STUPID.
You made me blush
WH-WHAT'S WITH THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
HUHH?!
IT'S THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD'S VIGILANTE BAND!
TSK.
KIN!
HEY! KOHNO KID!
HURRY!
You asshole!
SO WHAT HAVE I BEEN UP TO FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS?
DAMMIT, HE GOT AWAY!
THERE ARE SECRETS IN THIS ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR!


DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE TRYING TO SUMMON A DEMON!
GRANDPA LEFT AN EPITAPH.
TO MY DESCEN-DANTS--
MEET THE QUALIFI-CATIONS AND OPEN THE DOOR!
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT AT FIRST TOO.
WHEN YOU DO, YOU SHALL INHERIT MY CHERISHED LEGACY...
ROGER A. GRIFFITHS KOHNO. MY DEAR FRIEND FORTUNER SLEEPS WITH ME HERE.

NOW I'VE ENTERED THE RIGHT INCANTATIONS
WHICH WILL REVEAL...
N-NO...
The first floor salon!
THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS WERE SEALED.
THERE'S MAGIC INVOLVED.
IT'S A RATHER INCREDIBLE WILL
FOR THIS DAY AND AGE.
IT'S AN AIRCRAFT HANGAR!
WHEN I LOOKED INSIDE, I UNDERSTOOD.
JUST WHO MY GRANDFATHER WAS!
QUIS HOMO EST?!
GEEZ, JUJI.
WHO IN THE WORLD ARE YOU?
Whuh? This is out of character


LOOK, IT'S NOT A DREAM, OKAY?
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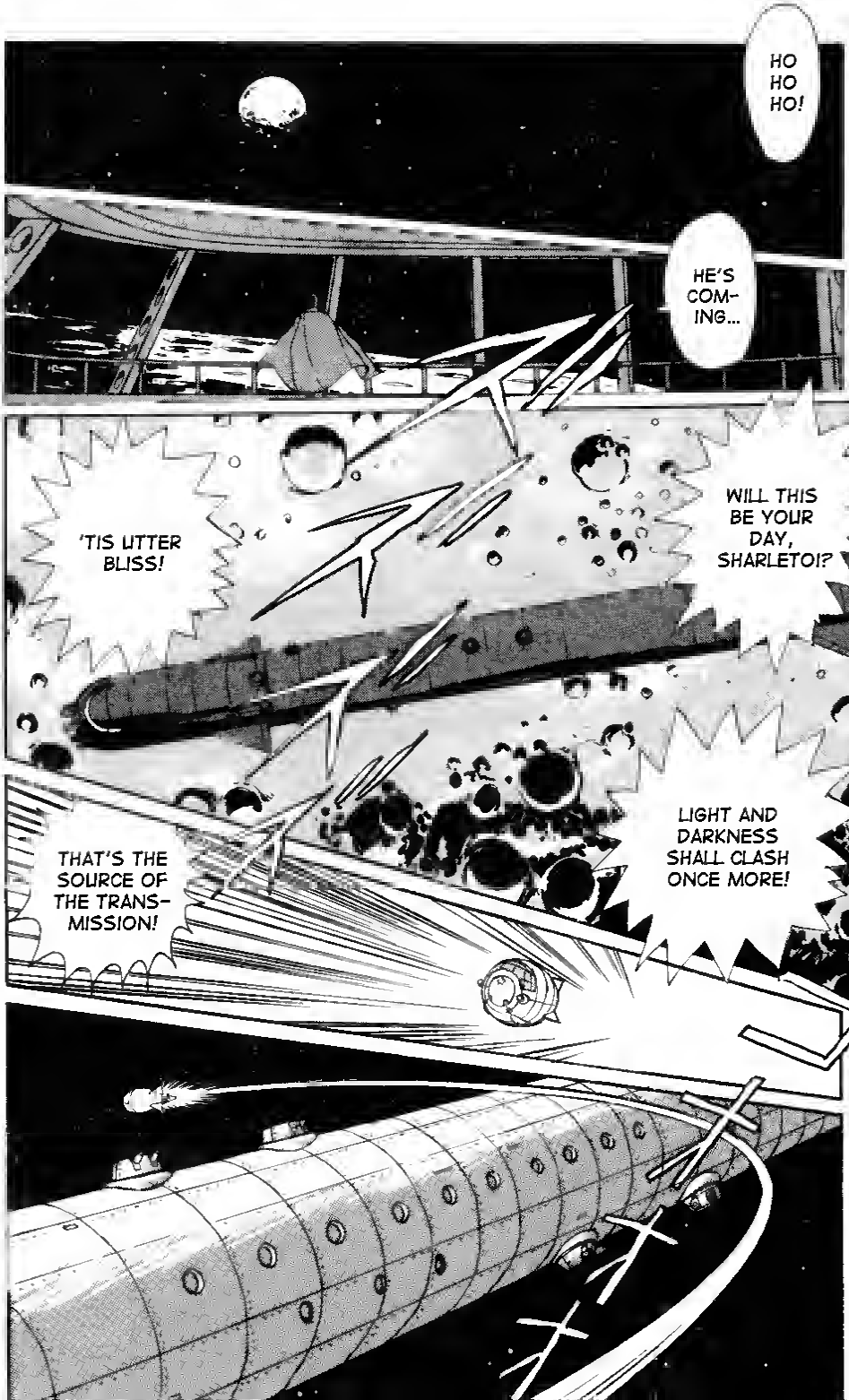
ON THE OTHER EARTH!
IN 1947, IT CRASHED...
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT...
IT LOOKS LIKE A GIANT MAYONNAISE BOTTLE!
IT'S THE FORTUNER!
SO HOW ABOUT WE GET GOING!
A SIREN!
what are you getting upset about
IT'S CALLED A TEARDROP STARSHIP, IDIOT!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
TAKING OFF, OF COURSE.
B-BUT...!
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY.
WH... WHY NOT?
BECAUSE TOMORROW IS SUNDAY!
NOOO!
WHY?
THAT'S TOTALLY WROOONG!

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE ASKED YOU OUT, HUH?
LET ME OUT OF HERE!
YOU WANT TO CALL THIS A DATE...?
ARE YOU SAYING...
I PINCHED YOU THOUGH.
NO WAY! THIS IS A BAD DREAM!
Ok!
HEY! I WON'T TOLERATE INAPPROPRIATE RELATION-SHIPS.
Yup
LIFE COUN-SELOR!
I AM YOUR--
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!


HO HO HO!
HE'S COM-ING...
'TIS UTTER BLISS!
WILL THIS BE YOUR DAY, SHARLETO!?
THAT'S THE SOURCE OF THE TRANS-MISSION!
LIGHT AND DARKNESS SHALL CLASH ONCE MORE!

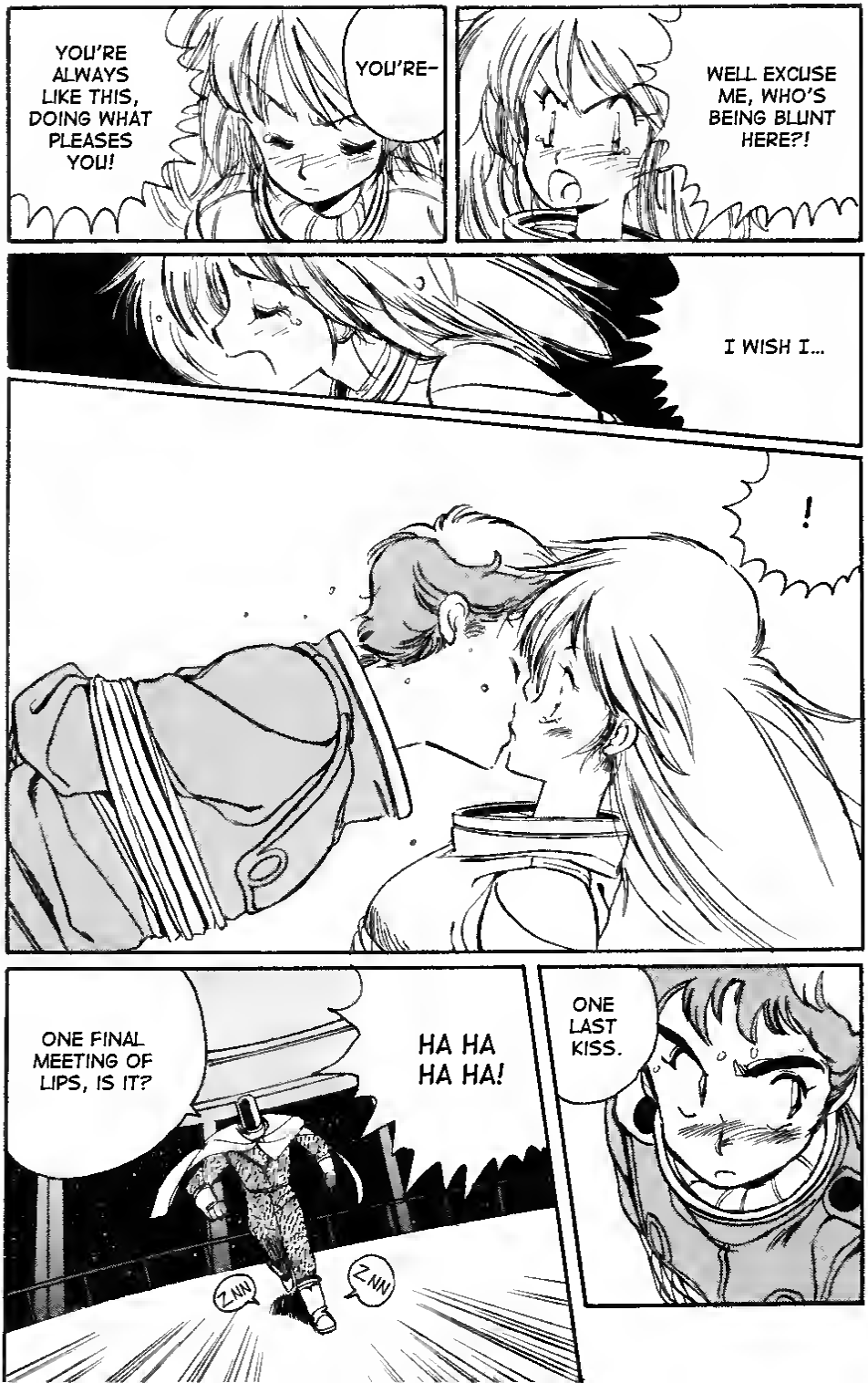
CAN YOU BEAT IT?
SHIP NAME: THE *DEVIL*. IF I REPRESENT WHITE MAGIC, YOU COULD SAY IT REPRESENTS DARKNESS. A FAMILIAR ENEMY.
FORTUNER, WHAT THE HECK IS THAT HUGE SHIP?!
OF COURSE.
TURN AROUND!
YOU HEARD THE SHIP.
IF JUJI WERE A GOOD PILOT, THAT IS.
PLEASE HELP ME!
LOOK, THE VISI-PLATE.
PLEASE HELP ME!
HM.
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU LISTEN AND DO AS MR. KOHNO SAYS!

AHH! THEY'RE FORCING OPEN THE DOOR!
THIS IS THE IMPERIAL PRINCESS SHARLETO! MIVALLEHAN!
PLEASE RESCUE ME FROM THE DEVIL!
BRRM
...
...
OH, YOU'RE SHARP! YOU WANT THE ATHONAR GUN, HUH.
...
...
FORTUNER! CONNECT THE ETHER REACTOR! HURRY!
WE'RE GOING IN!
Is this a blowfish

IT'S THE TRUTH.
IT'S A HELMET.
NO WAY.
A FISH-BOWL?
DON'T FORGET THIS.
DON'T GO OFF ON YOUR OWN!
A MEMENTO FROM GRANDPA.
THAT'S STRANGE. NO SIGNS OF LIFE...
OH!
HO HO HO!
HOW UTTERLY FOOLISH.

I AM ALONE
CHALLENGE ME IF YOU DARE...
SO YOU'RE THE ENEMY!
DID THE SIGHT OF THE PRINCESS MAKE YOU LOSE YOUR MIND?
WALTZING IN WITHOUT A CARE IN THE WORLD!
KTCH
CUT THE CRAP!
WHAM
AHH!
AUUUGH, WE'RE GONNA DIE!
WHAT A PUSH-OVER...

YOU KNOW, MIDTERMS START NEXT WEEK! LET ME AND SHIIHARA GO AT LEAST!
PRE-POSTER-OUS.
WHERE IS PRINCESS SHARLETOI?!
T3K
DAMMIT, I DON'T LIKE THIS DEVELOPMENT!
SO YOU VALUE THE SAFETY OF THE PRINCESS MORE THAN YOUR OWN LIFE?
OHO...
YOU DON'T NEED TO SAY IT OUT LOUD!
DON'T YOU KNOW WE'RE ABOUT TO BE KILLED?!
OHHH, SO THAT'S WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
WELL, SHE'S GORGEOUS...


YOU'RE ALWAYS LIKE THIS, DOING WHAT PLEASES YOU!
YOU'RE-
WELL EXCUSE ME, WHO'S BEING BLUNT HERE?!
I WISH I...
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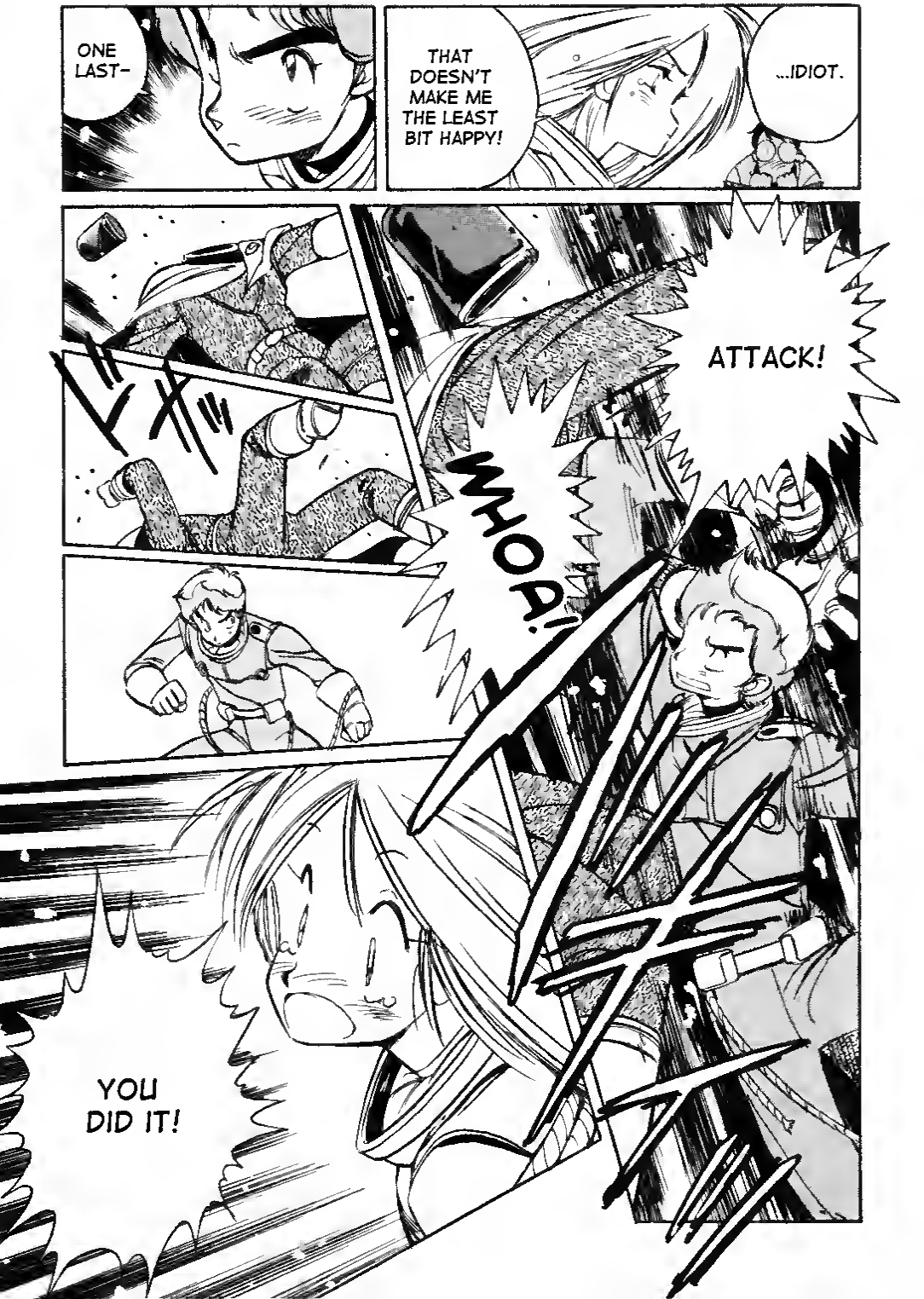
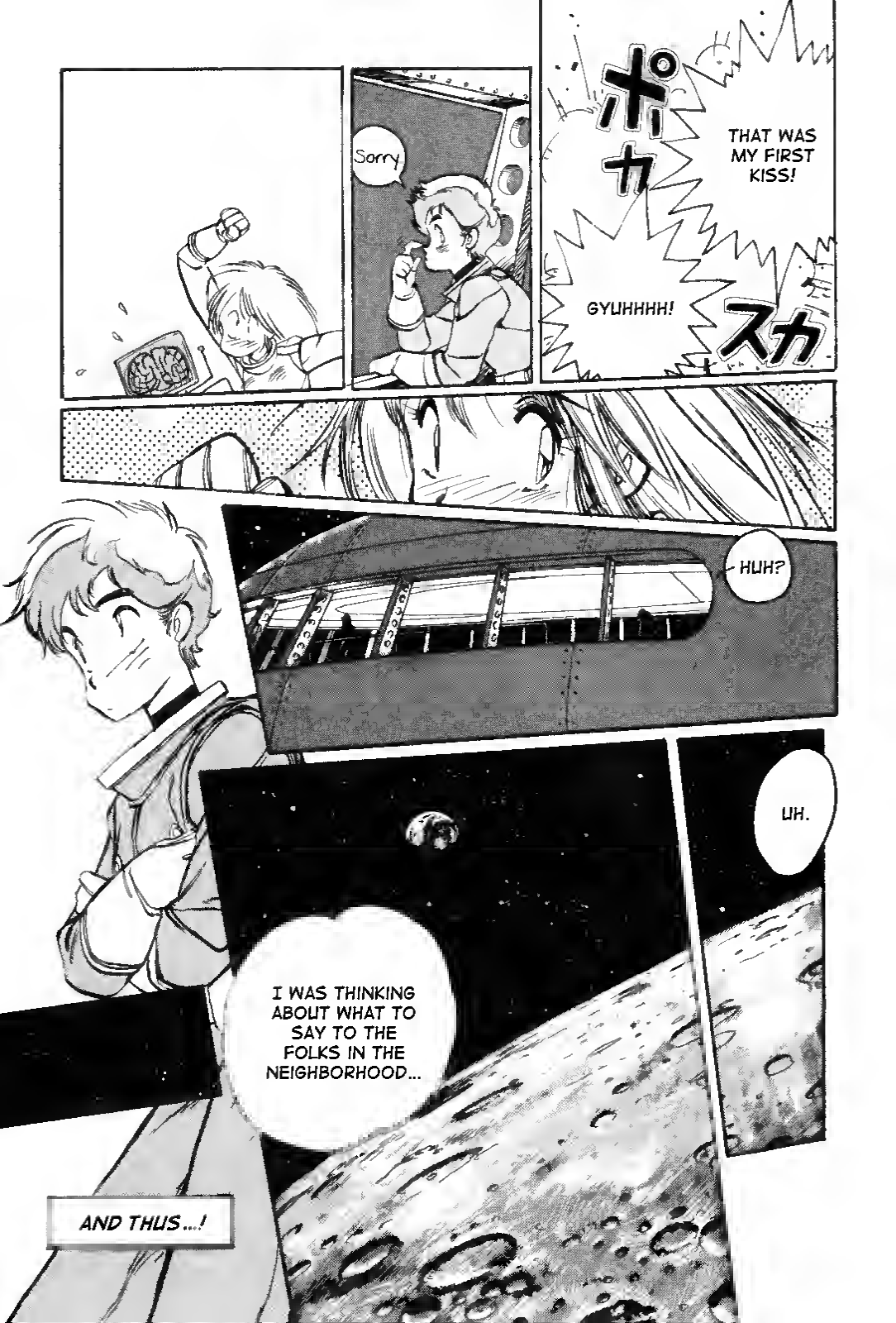
ONE FINAL MEETING OF LIPS, IS IT?
HA HA HA HA!
ZNN
ZNN
ONE LAST KISS.


ONE LAST-
THAT DOESN'T MAKE ME THE LEAST BIT HAPPY!
...IDIOT.
ATTACK!
WHOA!!
YOU DID IT!

HA HA HA! YOU WERE A PRETTY GOOD HERO, JUJI!
WHAA?
CONGRAT-ULATIONS!
I KNEW YOU WOULD SUCCEED ME ONE DAY.
Shi... Shii-hara..
THIS SCENARIO WAS MY GIFT TO YOU!
No way.
No way.
THE ONE AND ONLY!
GR-GRANDPA?!
CON-GRAT-ULA-TIONS
Help me-!
Gimme a break
ON BECOMING THE NEW CAPTAIN.
ER.
THIS SHIP IS ACTUALLY MADE OF PAPIER-MACHE, ISN'T IT!
AN ACT?
EXCUSE ME. ARE YOU SAYING. THAT THIS. WAS ALL.


Sorry
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THAT WAS MY FIRST KISS!
GYUHHHH!
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HUH?
UH.
I WAS THINKING ABOUT WHAT TO SAY TO THE FOLKS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD...
AND THUS...!

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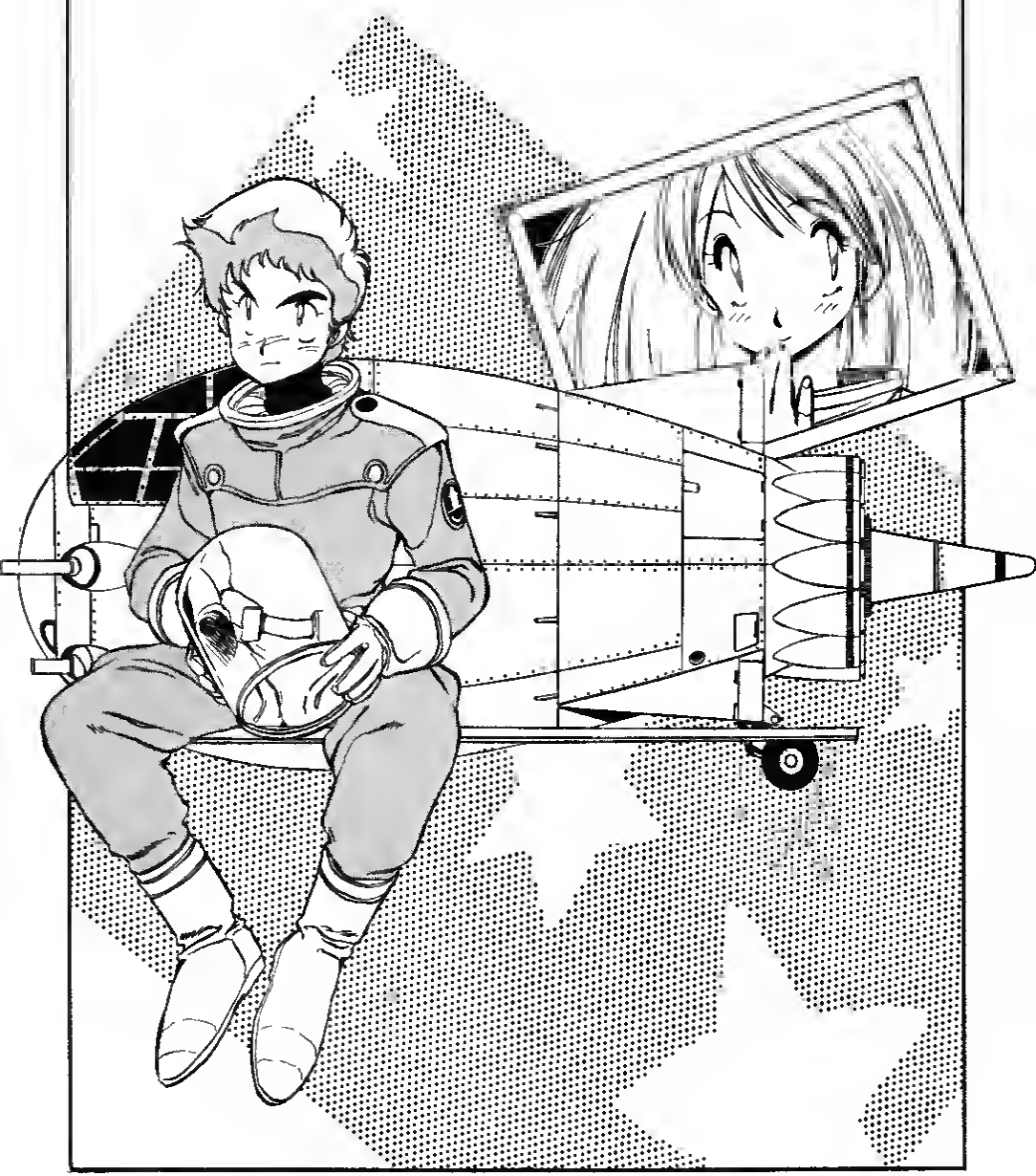
begins here...



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